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The Senate met at 9:15 a.m., and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Today's prayer will be offered by the former national chaplain of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Rev. Lyle N. Kell. He was invited by Senator PATTY MURRAY.

We are pleased to have you with us.

### PRAYER

The guest Chaplain, Rev. Lyle N. Kell, offered the following prayer:

Heavenly Father, Almighty God, Creator and Sovereign Ruler of all Creation, I pray that Your mighty controlling and sovereign power will be felt here today in this great Hall of our U.S. Senate so that the laws enacted will cause peace and justice in our great Nation and throughout the world. Help us to understand that You are a loving and compassionate God and Your power can be felt as we understand Your great love for people.

I pray You will keep us from the sin of forgetting that You are the one who sets up kingdoms and puts down kingdoms, and You cause that to happen through the minds and prayers of men and women. You have challenged us through Your Word that we who are ruled should pray for those who rule and those who rule should always seek God's will in their decisions. For those who rule in America watch over the souls of all Americans, knowing that they must give account to You, O God, and let them govern with joy and not grief, for that is unprofitable.

By Christ, therefore, let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually; that is the fruit of our lips giving thanks to His name. But to do good and to communicate, forget not, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased. And even now, Heavenly Father, help these men and women to learn the art of extending grace and understanding to those of a contrary mind, a different mindset than one's own, even as You

have extended Your sovereign grace and compassion to each of us. I pray in the name of our wonderful and holy God. Amen.

### RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The able acting majority leader is now recognized.

Mr. BROWNBACK. Thank you very much, Mr. President. I would like to yield the floor for a minute. The guest Chaplain is the guest of the Senator from Washington. I would like to yield the floor to the Senator from Washington for an introduction.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The able Senator from Washington is recognized.

Mrs. MURRAY. I thank the Chair.

### CHAPLAIN LYLE KELL

Mrs. MURRAY. I want to take this opportunity to thank Chaplain Kell for his inspired prayer. And I also want to thank our Senate Chaplain for working to ensure Chaplain Kell, a resident of our State of Washington, the opportunity to provide spiritual inspiration today to the Senate.

From the shores of Europe to the community of Arlington, WA, Chaplain Kell's record of service to our Nation is impressive. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II from June 1943 to November 1946 as a gunner with the armed guard, the unit that protected merchant marine ships from enemy attack. He received many service decorations, including medals for the European African Middle Eastern campaign and the Asiatic Pacific campaign.

Chaplain Kell was ordained as a minister in 1965 and served as the national chaplain to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States from 1995 to 1996. Born and raised in Skagit Valley, WA, Chaplain Kell is now a resident of Arlington and has been a member of

VFW Post 1561 since 1985. Prior to becoming VFW national chaplain, he served as the VFW post, district, department, and western conference chaplain.

As a member of the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee, I am proud that Chaplain Kell has been able to continue his dedicated service to our Nation today as the Senate guest Chaplain. I wish to honor Chaplain Kell's wife, Dorothy, and his daughter, Brenda, who have accompanied him here to Washington, DC. And I would also like to extend my most heartfelt good wishes to them and to you, Chaplain Kell, as you celebrate your birthday today.

Thank you, Lyle Kell, for all of your dedicated service to American veterans and to our Nation. Your work to promote our country's freedoms has benefited countless individuals across this Nation and around the world.

Thank you, Mr. President.

Mr. BROWNBACK. Mr. President, I appreciate very much the comments of the Senator from Washington. It certainly is appropriate we open with a prayer in the Senate.

### SCHEDULE

Mr. BROWNBACK. Mr. President, on behalf of the majority leader, I announce that today, following morning business, the Senate will resume consideration of the supplemental appropriations bill. At 10 a.m., Senator WARNER will be recognized to offer his amendment. It is the intention of the manager that a motion to table the Warner amendment occur at approximately 10:30. Therefore, Senators should be prepared to vote on the Warner amendment at 10:30.

Following disposition of the Warner amendment, it is the expectation of the leader that the Senate continue to debate the Byrd amendment. Subsequently, Senators should anticipate additional votes throughout today's session. It is the intention of the majority

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